श्री एम॰ वेंकैया नायडु: सर, आप खड़े हो गये, फिर भी पार्लियामेंट्री अफेयर्स मिनिस्टर बोलते रहे। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज: सर, हम संवाद किससे स्थापित करें। ...(व्यवधान)... खुद प्रधान मंत्री ...(व्यवधान)...

डा॰ मुरली मनोहर जोशी (उत्तर प्रदेश): सभापति महोदय, देश के संविधान पर ...(व्यवधान)... यह सरकार जिसने इस प्रकार का ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: सदन की कार्यवाही 12.00 बजे तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at seven minutes past eleven of the clock till twelve of the clock.

The House reassembled at twelve of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Pollution of underground water

†*221. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report of the School of Environmental Sciences of Jawaharlal Nehru University which says that underground water is getting highly polluted due to a landfill arising in the form of hills in the Capital and in its bordering areas;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government to curb this;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the concrete arrangements being made by Government to check pollution of ground water and by when?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi has carried out a study on ground water quality in

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

vicinity of Bhalsava landfill site in Delhi. As per the study, ground water samples contains iron, manganese, copper, lead, nickel and zinc. The study has also indicated that the concentrations of metal increase as approached towards landfill.

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has also carried out a study on heavy metal levels in ground water samples surrounding the Bhalsava landfill site. The studies have indicted presence of iron and zinc. However, samples collected have shown signs of non-traceable concentration in respect of lead, chromium and cadmium.

As per Municipal Solid Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000, the local bodies are required to undertake improvement of existing landfill sites and design new landfill sites to protect ground water contamination. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi is in the process for setting up of new landfill facilities and also are contemplating to set up waste processing plant so that the burden on landfill for disposal of waste could be minimized.

Optimum use of runways at Delhi and Mumbai airports

*222. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are major delays for landings and take-offs at Delhi and Mumbai airports due to lack of runway space, etc.;

(b) to what extent Government have been un-prepared for the expansion of air traffic;

(c) whether Government will take the best advise possible to create immediate inter-mediate arrangements using the existing runway space;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Airports Authority of India has not used the latest methods to arrive at optimum use of existing runway and parking bay space at Mumbai and Delhi airports; and

(e) the steps proposed to call in outside experts to devise new systems for use of runway space, etc?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Constraints are being experienced